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Search On for Escaped Teen from State Training School

(Pierre) - A search continues for a student who escaped from the State Training School in Plankinton October 15th.

At approximately 9 PM, two male students ran out of their assigned cottage. A search of the grounds was conducted immediately. One of the students was located inside the campus perimeter. He was taken to the Juvenile Prison.

The other student went over the fence on the southeast side of the campus and fled on foot.

A pickup truck was later reported stolen from a farmhouse approximately one mile from the Training School campus.

The student who remains on escape status is 17 years old.

The Department of Corrections is reviewing the incident and law enforcement is also investigating.

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